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FOR: MR. ERNEST CAPPEL  
340 WEST 87TH STREET  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10024

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TAGS: CDES, PGOV, WB, US  
SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMCIT: CAPPEL, HENRY

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT WE MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR BROTHER, HENRY CAPPEL. THE WEST BERLIN POLICE INFORMED THE U.S. MISSION AT BERLIN ON MARCH 27 OF HIS DEATH, THE CAUSE OF WHICH HAS YET TO BE DETERMINED. DEATH OCCURED ON MARCH 27 IN BERLIN.

2. YOUR BROTHER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY HIS AMERICAN PASSPORT.

3. THE U.S. MISSION WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE YOU CONCERNING THERI DISPOSITION.

4. REGRETFULLY, WE MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING THE REMAINS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR BROTHER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED. STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT TO NEW YORK CITY WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$2100. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF ASHES BY AIR WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$200. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, UNCLASSIFIED

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THE COST WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$1250. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$1050.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO THE U.S. MISSION, BERLIN, GERMANY (TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: USBER BERLIN) AND

INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER THE REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT, IF SHIPMENT IS DESIRED.

(B) TELEGRAPH THE REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH AMERICAN EXPRESS AT BERLIN, GERMANY PAYABLE TO THE U.S. MISSION.

(C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS, YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THE U.S. MISSION WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. PLEASE NOTE THAT SHOULD CREMATION BE DESIRED, BERLIN REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT THE NEXT OF KIN PRODUCE A STATEMENT SWORN TO BEFORE A CONSULAR OFFICER TO THE EFFECT THAT IT WAS THE DECEDENT'S WISH TO BE CREMATED. ASHES MAY BE SENT ONLY FROM ONE AUTHORITY TO ANOTHER, I.E. FROM A CREMATORY TO A BURIAL PLACE. THE CREMATORY IN BERLIN REQUIRES A STATEMENT FROM THE U.S. CEMETARY THAT THE ASHES CAN BE BURIED THERE.

8. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE U.S. MISSION BY TELEPHONING 812-7465, WEST BERLIN.

9. BE ASSURED OF OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.  
U.S. MISSION, BERLIN  
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